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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0955
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

REF: STATE 112083

DELIVER ACTION OFFICES AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

1. PANAM DIRECTOR (COMMEAU) TOLD CIVIL AIR ATTACHE
LATE MORNING OF MAY 3 HE HAD JUST BEEN SUMMONED TO
DGAC WHERE TIEBLEMONT (DEPUTY TO ESPEROU) TOLD HIM:

A.) PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
TRANSPORT MET NIGHT OF MAY 2 WITH DGAC OFFICIALS TO
DISCUSS THE "ILLEGAL" OPERATIONS OF PAN AM.

B.) IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE GOF ACTIONS
TO DATE ON PAN AM'S FLIGHTS WERE RELATIVELY MINOR AND
THAT ON MAY 3:

A).THE ARRIVAL FLIGHT (ONLY ONE
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SCHEDULED) WOULD BE MET BY POLICE;
B).THE PASSENGERS WOULD BE
PREVENTED FROM DISEMBARKING;
C).THE PLANE WOULD BE SENT BACK
TO LONDON.

2. COMMEAU SAID HE HAD IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATED THIS

TO LONDON WHICH WAS IN TOUCH WITH NEW YORK AND NEW YORK
HAD ADVISED THE FLIGHT WAS TO OPERATE ON SCHEDULE.

3. COMMEAU ALSO SAID TIEBLEMONT HAD TOLD HIM TO BE
PREPARED TO INFORM THE PASSENGERS AS TO WHY THE GOF
WAS PREVENTING THE LANDING. TIEBLEMONT
ALSO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT, IF FRANCE CLOSES ITS
EYES TO THIS SITUATION IT WILL NOT GET RESPECT FROM
OTHER AIRLINES IN THE FUTURE, AND ALSO THAT
THE GOF DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE ARBITRATION PRO-
CEDURES OF THE AGREEMENT WERE NOT BEING INVOKED BY
THE UNITED STATES.

4. COMMENT: IN LINE WITH REFTEL EMBASSY IS TAKING
NO ACTION UNTIL AIRCRAFT ARRIVES AND WE HAVE CON-
FIRMATION OF DISRUPTION.
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